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Undercover Report

"Let's pass the buck to the next Administration—but pass out a few million more in the meantime."

That seems a fair summary of the recommendations from a federal panel, led by Secretary of State Rusk, set up to study means of openly subsidizing the activities abroad of some organizations once secretly aided by the Central Intelligence Agency. The proposals are dismally consistent with bureaucratic traditions.

The group has had more than a year to study the urgent question raised last

year by exposure of the CIA's multi-million-dollar covert investment in organizations such as the National Student Assn. But no firm answers have been provided. The basic recommendation, for a special federal commission to distribute private grants, is merely tentative; the next Administration would be left to consider and possibly refine the plan. Until then, or until the end of this year, at least, NSA and two other organizations have been put in for some temporary financing from the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare and the State Dept.